

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1(Currently amended). A method for determining the prognosis of an HIV infected individual, comprising:

measuring the levels of anti-tat antibodies and p24 protein[[,]] in the serum of an HIV infected individual;

comparing the measured levels to a mean anti-tat antibody value and a mean p24 protein value; and

determining the prognosis of the HIV infected individual, wherein anti-tat antibody levels above the mean value in combination with p24 protein levels below the mean value is indicative of disease non-progression towards AIDS, and anti-tat antibody levels below the mean value in combination with p24 protein levels above the mean level is indicative of disease progression towards AIDS.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled).

6(New). The method of claim 1, wherein the HIV infected individual is a non-progressor who has been seropositive for HIV for over eight years, is clinically asymptomatic in the absence of antiretroviral therapy, and does not have a CD4 cell count below 500/mm³.